

## Message Text

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ACTION SY-05

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 /028 W  
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R 171612Z JAN 76  
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8195  
INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
AMCONSUL KARACHI  
AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO AND A/SY/T/SP  
ATHENS FOR RSO AND TSO  
TEHRAN FOR RSO  
KARACHI FOR RSS  
CASABLANCA FOR OIC/RTC

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: VEHICLE ARMOUR

ON JAN 16, A ROUND FIRED BY ONE OF THE GUNMEN WHO HAVE BEEN  
HARRASSING TRAFFIC IN FRONT OF THE CHANCERY, AMEMBASSY BEIRUT,  
STRUCK THE SY VAN ASSIGNED TO THE MSG DETACHMENT. THE VAN WAS  
PARKED NEAR THE CHANCERY AT THE TIME AND WAS UNOCCUPIED. DUE  
TO THE RANGE AND NATURE OF THE FIRE, IT IS DOUBTED THE VAN WAS  
A SPECIFIC TARGET. THE ROUND IS BELIEVED TO BE A 7.62MM BALL FIRED  
AT APPROXIMATELY 400 YARDS. IT STRUCK THE VAN ON THE LEFT SIDE  
ABOUT ONE INCH TO THE REAR OF THE DRIVER'S DOOR AND TEN INCHES  
BELOW A HORIZONTAL LINE DRAWN THROUGH THE DOOR HANDLE.  
THE PROJECTILE FULLY PENETRATED THE OUTER SKIN OF THE VAN  
BUT DID NOT RPT NOT PENETRATE THE ARMOUR. IT IS REALIZED THIS  
FACT WAS DUE PRIMARILY TO THE EXTREME RANGE; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD  
BE NOTED THAT WITHOUT THE ARMOUR, THE ROUND WOULD HAVE  
PROBABLY ENTERED THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT.  
THOUGHT ADDRESSEES MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS FIELD REPORT ON  
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THE PERFORMANCE OF THE LIGHT-WEIGHT VEHICLE ARMOUR IN ACTUAL USE.

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